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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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REPORT  
of the  
MEDICAL OFFICER  
OF HEALTH  
for the  
Year Ended 31st December, 1960.



No. 6 Health Area,  
"Springfield"  
WILLINGTON,  
Crook, Co. Durham.

Tel: Willington 375.

G. A. MCGREGOR, M.D., D.P.H.  
Medical Officer of Health.

J. B. KELLY, D.P.A., (Dunelm) D.M.A.,  
A.R.S.H.  
Public Health Inspector.



To the Chairman and Members

of Tow Law U.D.C.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Public Health Department for 1960.

No event of Public Health importance has disturbed the health of the people of Tow Law. No cases of poliomyelitis, diphtheria, scarlet fever and the enteric group of diseases have occurred.

Preparations were well in hand for the construction of 28 new houses to accommodate persons from condemned properties.

The Maternity and Child Welfare Centre at the Mechanics Institute was well patronised during 1960.

Immunisations against poliomyelitis continued steadily throughout the year. The response was good among the younger age groups but only moderate among the adolescent and older age groups. The usual lukewarm support was given to the other preventative immunisations and vaccinations, (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Smallpox).

Your Public Health Inspector has compiled a separate section for the report.

Thanks are due to the Council and staff for their co-operation during the year.

G. A. MACGREGOR,

Medical Officer of Health.

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# ANNUAL REPORT - 1960

## CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Population (Registrar General's Estimate - Mid Year)	...	...	3,070
Area (In Acres)	...	...	477
Number of Inhabited Houses (Mid 1960)	...	...	965
Rateable Value (Mid 1960)...	...	...	£17,374
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	£63. 0. 0

## VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	50	20	30
Illegitimate	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>=</u>
	<u>52</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>30</u>

Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	...	...	16.93
General Birth Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	17.1

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	1	1	-
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>=</u>
Rate per 1,000 (Live and still)...	...	...	17.26

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
	<u>40</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>17</u>
Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population	...	...	13.02
Death Rate (England and Wales)...	...	...	11.5

## Deaths from Puerperal Causes

Puerperal Sepsis	..	..	Nil
Other Puerperal Causes	..	..	Nil

## Deaths of Infants under one year of age

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>=</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>1</u>



Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	
Legitimate	1	-	1	
Illegitimate	=	=	=	
	<u>1</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>1</u>	
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age per 1,000 births	...	...	...	19.23
Infantile Mortality Rate (England and Wales)	...	...	...	21.7
Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live and still births)	...	...	...	37.73
Deaths from Cancer	...	...	...	8
Deaths from Measles	...	...	...	-
Deaths from Diarrhoea	...	...	...	-
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	-

Table of Birth and Death Rates for the past 6 years

Year	Death Rate	Infantile Death Rate Under 1 year	Birth Rate
1955	10.83	16.95	18.79
1956	14.64	15.62	20.38
1957	12.81	17.24	18.6
1958	13.22	21.73	14.82
1959	11.03	-	12.01
1960	13.02	19.23	16.93







# CAUSES OF DEATHS

						<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	...		-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...		-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	...	...	...		-	-
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...		-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...		-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	...		-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	...	...	...		-	-
8.	Measles	...	...	...		-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases					-	-
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...			1	1
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...				1	-
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...			-	1
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...			-	1
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms					1	2
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...		-	-
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...		-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	...				4	2
18.	Coronary Disease, angina	...	...			5	2
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...				-	-
20.	Other heart diseases	...	...	...		3	3
21.	Other circulatory diseases	...	...			3	3
22.	Influenza	...	...	...		-	-
23.	Bronchitis	...	...	...		1	-
24.	Pneumonia	...	...	...		-	1
25.	Other disease of respiratory system					1	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...				-	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...				-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...			-	-
29.	Hyperplasia and prostate	...	...			-	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...				-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...			-	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases					1	-
33.	Motor accidents	...	...	...		-	-
34.	All other accidents	...	...	...		2	1
35.	Suicide	...	...	...		-	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...				-	-
						<u>23</u>	<u>17</u>



INFECTIOUS DISEASES

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Dysentery	-	-	-
Measles	3	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	2	1	-
Pneumonia	1	-	1

The following table shows the number of cases notified and deaths recorded from Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever during the past 6 years.

YEAR	DIPHTHERIA		SCARLET FEVER	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1955	-	-	2	-
1956	-	-	1	-
1957	-	-	2	-
1958	-	-	5	-
1959	-	-	10	-
1960	-	-	-	-



NOTIFIED DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1960

The following table gives the incidence of Notifiable Diseases during the year.

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## TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-

## COMPARATIVE TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS FOR RECENT YEARS

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TOW LAW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1960

1. Visits

The following is a summary of the visits undertaken by me during the year in pursuit of my official duties:-

(1)	Housing (Public Health and Housing Acts)	...	...	130 visits
(2)	W.C. Conversions and Defective Sanitary Conveniences			97 "
(3)	Drainage	...	...	36 "
(4)	Water Supply	...	...	5 "
(5)	Food Premises and Slaughterhouses (including visits made when inspecting meat)	...		230 "
(6)	Factories and Workplaces	...	...	20 "
(7)	Keeping of animals	...	...	- "
(8)	Nuisances - Smoke, Dust, Smells, etc.	...	...	42 "
(9)	Dairies	...	...	3 "

2. Nuisances

(a) The following table shows the principal nuisances dealt with during the year by means of notices. Other nuisances were remedied by informal action.

	No. of Informal Notices Served	No. of Statutory Notices Served	Defects Remedied after Notice
Housing (Public Health and Housing Acts)	10	-	10

3. Prevention of Damage by Pests

During the year 36 inspection of dwellinghouses, shops and other buildings were made. Disinfestation treatments were carried out where necessary.

4. Slaughterhouses

230 visits were made to slaughterhouses and other food premises during the year, principally in connection with the inspection of meat. The quality of the carcasses presented for inspection and the general hygiene of the slaughterhouse premises continued to be satisfactory.

5. W.C. Conversions

During the year 23 conversions from ash closets to the water carriage system took place. There are now 668 water closets and 437 ash closets in the district. Blocks of property converted included the Aged Miners' Homes and Smith Street.

6. Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948.

During the year 20 inspections of Factories were made.

7. Food etc. Condemned

During the year 207 lbs. of meat and 53½ lbs. of loose provisions were condemned as unfit for human consumption and were disposed of either by being burnt by the Owners concerned or by being buried at the Council's tip.

8. Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955-56

Inspections under the above mentioned Regulations have been made and informal action has sufficed to deal with whatever contraventions have been discovered.



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1960

## URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF TOW LAW IN THE COUNTY OF DURHAM.

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted. (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	6	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.....	7	14	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).....				
TOTAL .....				

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of Cases in Which defects were found				Number of cases in Which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred TO H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)					
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable temperature (3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)					

### INFORMATION FOR H.M. INSPECTORS OF FACTORIES

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) .....					
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient .....					
(b) Unsuitable or defective .....	2	2	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes .....					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work).....					
TOTAL					





## PART VIII OF THE ACT

## Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of work  (1)	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of Out-Workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (C) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cutions (7)
Wearing apparel ) Making etc., Cleaning and washing Household linen						
Lace, lace cur- tains and nets						
Curtains and Furniture hangings						
Furniture and upholstery						
Electro-plate						
File making						
Brass and brass articles						
Fur pulling						
Iron and Steel cables and chains						
Iron and Steel anchors and grapnels						
Cart gear						
Locks, latches and keys						
Umbrellas, etc						
Artificial flowers						
Nets, other than wire nets						
Tents						
Sacks						
Racquet and tennis balls						





## PART VIII OF THE ACT (Contd.)

## Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of Out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Paper bags						
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper						
Brush making						
Pea picking						
Feather sorting						
Carding, etc., or buttons, etc.						
Stuffed toys						
Basket making						
Chocolates and sweetmeats						
Christmas stockings, etc.						
Textile weaving						
Lampshades						
TOTAL						

Signature

G.A. Marquardt

Medical Officer of HealthDate... 4<sup>th</sup> January, 1962....



## 9. Food Premises

The following premises in the area are concerned with the manufacture and/or retailing of food:-

1 Bakehouse  
4 Butchers  
24 Grocers, Greengrocers and Confectioners  
21 Premises are registered for the sale of  
pre-packed ice cream

3 additional premises for the retail of ice cream were registered during the year.

## 10. Housing

Housing inspections dealing with repairs, improvements and Rent Act queries figured prominently in the number of visits made by your Officers. Following the introduction of the Standard Grants Scheme for house improvements, five applications for improvement grants were submitted to and approved by the Council. The number of applications approved since the inception of the Standard Grant Scheme in 1959 numbered 19 at the end of 1960

## 11. Meat Inspection

The following table gives details of the carcasses and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:-

	<u>Cattle</u> <u>Excluding Cows</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u> <u>&amp; Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Number of Carcasses inspected	95	20	-	457	69
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis &amp; Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	17	-	-	2	2
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	17.68	-	-	.43	2.89
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	2.10	-	-	-	-

In conclusion I would thank the Members and Staff of the Council for their support and assistance during the year.

J. B. KELLY

Public Health Inspector.

